St. Thomas 19 April 1879

To

Prof. Asa Gray

Harvard University

My dear Sir!

I am in receipt of your letter of 30th ult. and beg to thank for your kind efforts with regard to the publishing of my treatise on the flora of these islands, as well as for your offer to correct the proofs.

As my object in asking for seeing the proofs corrected myself principally was to avoid miss-prints with regard to local names of plants and localities, I am glad to inform you, that in case you should have any doubt as to the proper spelling of any creole name from these localities, Mr. A. D. Brown of Princeton, New Jersey, a personal friend of mine, who has travelled frequently over these islands, has offered to assist in correcting the proofs as far as names are concerned in case you should think it desirable. If therefore my Ms. should not be clearly enough written in some places in this respect, you might

obtain a good assistance from Mr. Brown, who is going home by this mail and intend remaining in Princeton for some months to come.

As I should like to present copies of my treatise to my friends here in the West Indies as well as to those in Europe and elsewhere, I should be glad to receive about 150 copies. If however this is too large a number, I would beg you to do me the favour in applying to the Smithsonian Institute to curtail the number to the one, you may think proper.

If you will let me know, whether you wish the dried plants sent to your address or to any other place, I shall be happy to forward to you specimens of the endemical West India species of plants as far as I can obtain them here. Having a good collection myself already I will be able to send you the greater part by next mail already.

I am, dear Sir, with best regards

Yours sincerely

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